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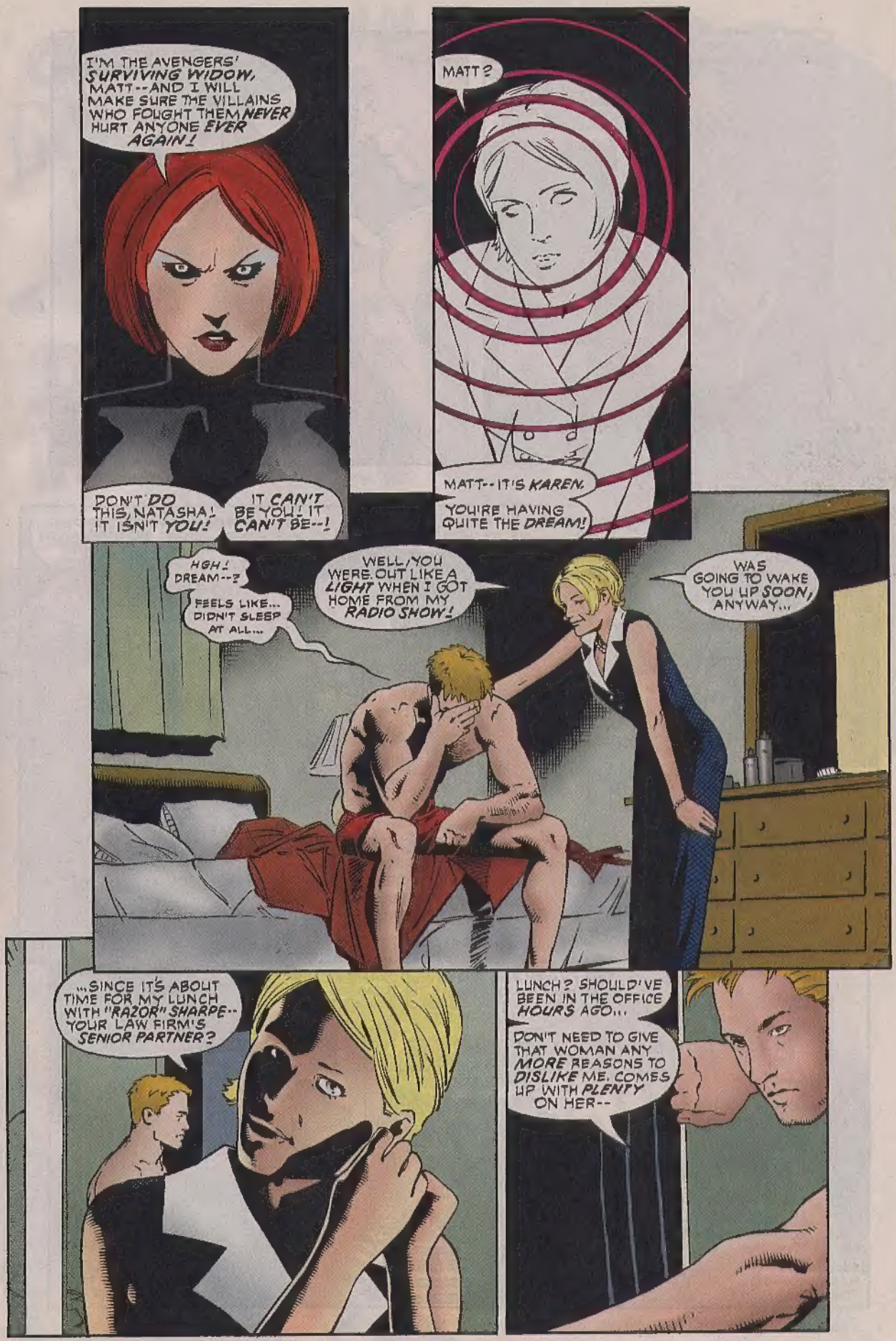
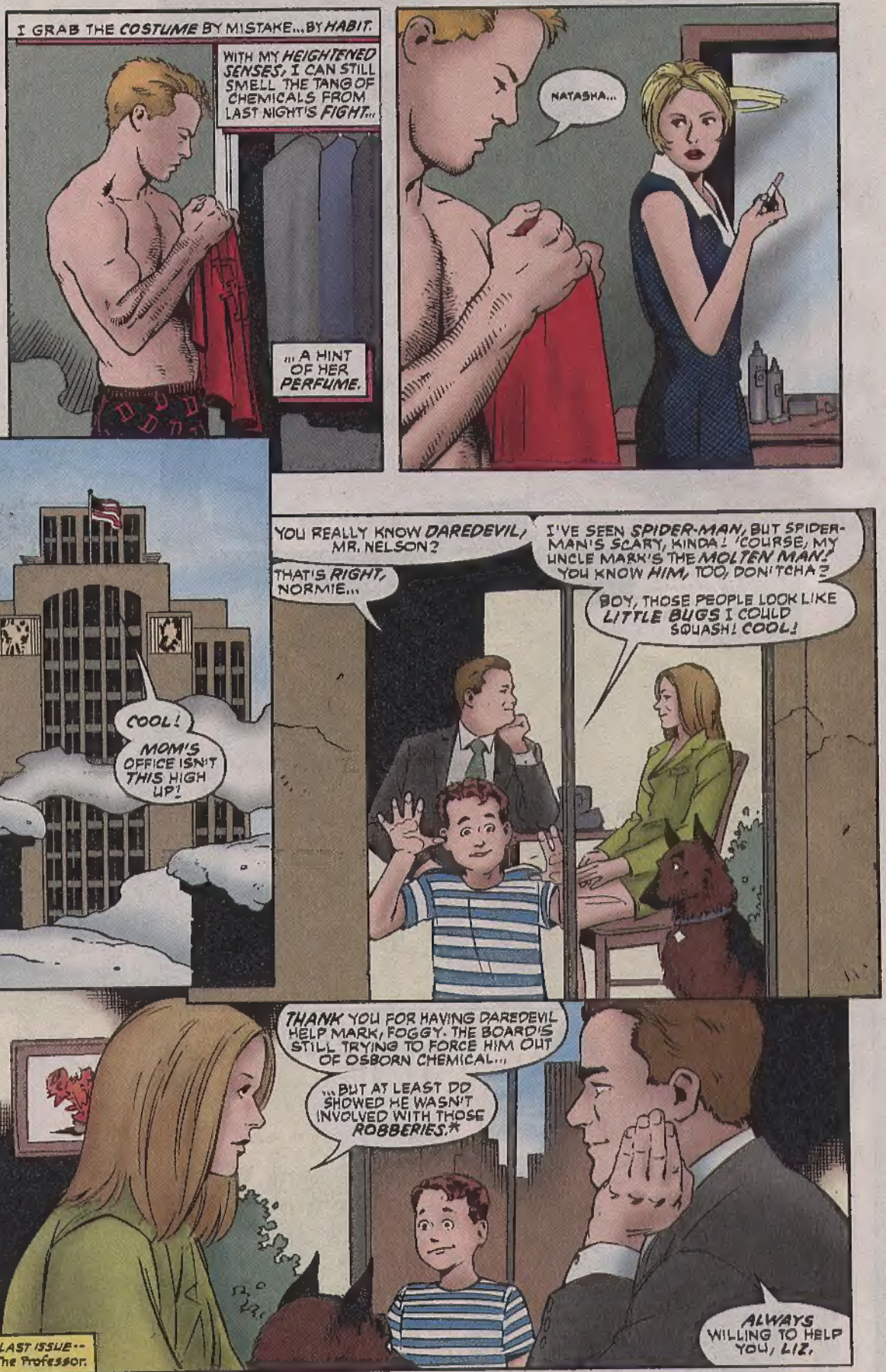
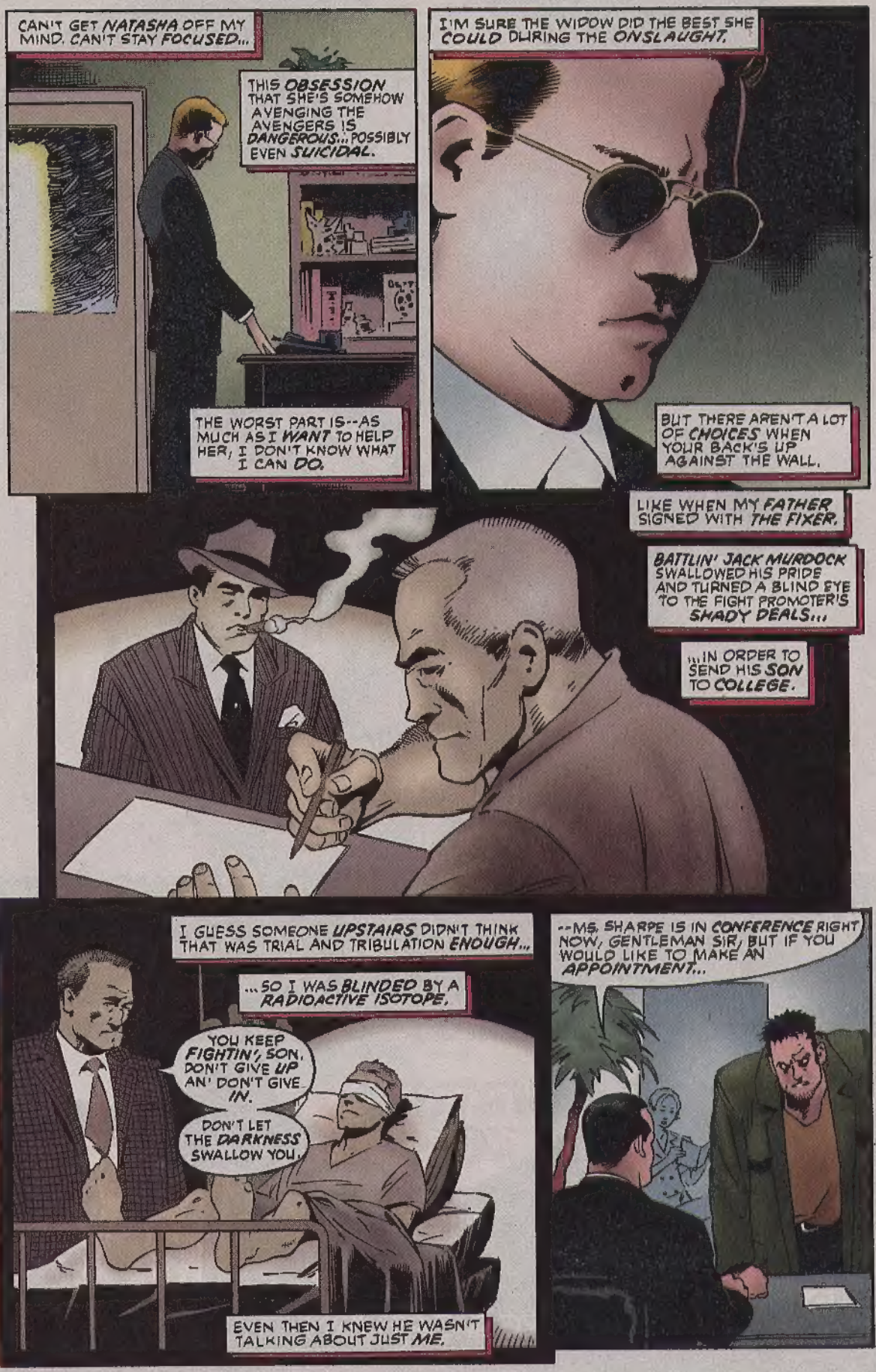
THERE HE IS, MATT-- THE GRIM REAPER!
NO!
YOU WON'T GET ME! NOT LIKE YOU GOT THE OTHERS!
C'MON-- SHOW A LITTLE BACKBONE, GUY! YOU'RE ONLY DRESSED LIKE DEATH, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!
AND ONLY YOU CAN SAVE ME, DAREDEVIL! ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT--
WHAT? FOREST FIRES? THE END OF THE WORLD? THE CUBS WIN THE WORLD SERIES?
OF COURSE IF THEY DID, THAT WOULD BE A SIGN OF THE APOCALYPSE...
THIS IS NO JOKE! ONLY YOU CAN STOP--
TUSK
..UNGH!
--HERK!
ANOTHER ONE DOWN AND DUSTED!


I'M THE AVENGERS' SURVIVING WIDOW, MATT--AND I WILL MAKE SURE THE VILLAINS WHO FOUGHT THEM NEVER HURT ANYONE EVER AGAIN!
DON'T DO THIS, NATASHA! IT ISN'T YOU!
IT CAN'T BE YOU! IT CAN'T BE--!
MATT?
MATT--IT'S KAREN. YOU'RE HAVING QUITE THE DREAM!
HGH! DREAM--?
FEELS LIKE... DIDN'T SLEEP AT ALL...
WELL, YOU WERE OUT LIKE A LIGHT WHEN I GOT HOME FROM MY RADIO SHOW!
WAS GOING TO WAKE YOU UP SOON, ANYWAY...
...SINCE IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR MY LUNCH WITH "RAZOR" SHARPE--YOUR LAW FIRM'S SENIOR PARTNER?
LUNCH? SHOULD'VE BEEN IN THE OFFICE HOURS AGO...
DON'T NEED TO GIVE THAT WOMAN ANY MORE REASONS TO DISLIKE ME. COMES UP WITH PLENTY ON HER--


I GRAB THE COSTUME BY MISTAKE...BY HABIT.
WITH MY HEIGHTENED SENSES, I CAN STILL SMELL THE TANG OF CHEMICALS FROM LAST NIGHT'S FIGHT...
...A HINT OF HER PERFUME.
NATASHA...
COOL! MOM'S OFFICE ISN'T THIS HIGH UP!
YOU REALLY KNOW DAREDEVIL, MR. NELSON?
THAT'S RIGHT, NORMIE...
I'VE SEEN SPIDER-MAN, BUT SPIDER-MAN'S SCARY, KINDA! 'COURSE, MY UNCLE MARK'S THE MOLTEN MAN! YOU KNOW HIM, TOO, DON'TCHA?
BOY, THOSE PEOPLE LOOK LIKE LITTLE BUGS I COULD SQUASH! COOL!
THANK YOU FOR HAVING DAREDEVIL HELP MARK, FOGGY. THE BOARD'S STILL TRYING TO FORCE HIM OUT OF OSBORN CHEMICAL...
...BUT AT LEAST DD SHOWED HE WASN'T INVOLVED WITH THOSE ROBBERIES.*
ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP YOU, LIZ.
*LAST ISSUE -- The Professor.

WE'LL SAVE YOU FROM THE BAD GUYS--RIGHT, DEUCE? NO ONE'LL GET BY US!
BANG! BANG! BANG!
BANG!
GRRRR!
AH! CHILDREN AND ANIMALS ARE SO CHARMING...
HEY, C'MON, DEUCE-- THAT'S MY MOM!
I'M SORRY, MS. SHARPE. NORMIE DIDN'T MEAN...
QUITE ALL RIGHT. I SIMPLY NEED TO HAVE A FEW WORDS WITH FRANKLIN.
IN MY OFFICE, THIS INSTANT!
I'LL... Um... I'LL BE RIGHT BACK, LIZ...

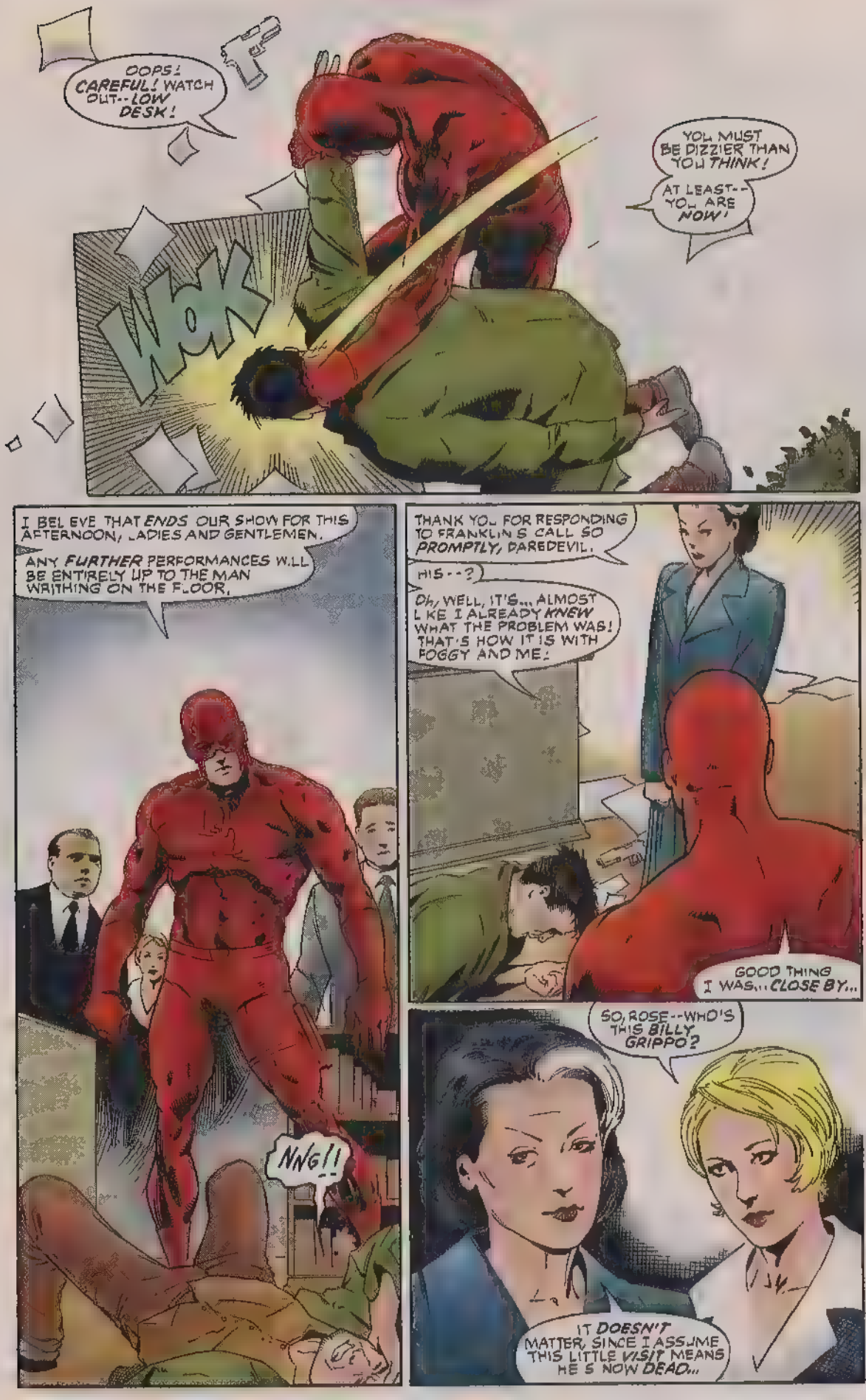
MY, MY, WILL YOU LOOK WHO'S HERE, FRANKLIN-- MS. KAREN PAGE AND MR. MATTHEW MURDOCK!
I COULD HAVE SWORN MATTHEW WORKED AT THIS FIRM, BUT IT SEEMS WE SEE MUCH MORE OF KAREN!
ROSALIND-- PLEASE!
SHE'S RIGHT, KAREN. I'VE BEEN A BIT... PREOCCUPIED LATELY. I'LL TRY TO BE BETTER...
WILL WONDERS NEVER CEASE? PERHAPS YOU'LL EVEN ATTEMPT WORKING ON A CASE TODAY, MATTHEW...?
IF YOU'LL WAIT IN RECEPTION, KAREN, I'LL BE READY FOR OUR LUNCH DATE IN JUST A FEW MINUTES.
PLEASE CLOSE THE DOOR BEHIND YOU, FRANKLIN.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT'S ACCUMULATED ON MY DESK SINCE WE ANNOUNCED YOU ARE DAREDEVIL'S BEST FRIEND?
Um... THREATS FROM HIS ENEMIES TRYING TO GET AT HIM THROUGH HIS LOVED ONES?
INVITATIONS FOR EVERYTHING FROM SPEAKING AT THE MAYOR'S FUNDRAISER TO BEING ON THE LETTERMAN SHOW.
THE WORLD'S HUNGRY FOR HEROES, FRANKLIN -- AND YOU'RE A DIRECT LIFE TO ONE OF THEM.
WOW! I'M GOING TO BE ON LETTERMAN!
THE POINT, FRANKLIN, IS DOORS ARE OPENING FOR YOU-- POWERFUL DOORS!
AND WHILE OSBORN CHEMICAL SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED AS A CLIENT, LIZ IS TOO... DOMESTIC. YOU CAN DO MUCH BETTER.
GET RID OF HER AND NEVER LOOK BACK!


CAN'T GET NATASHA OFF MY MIND. CAN'T STAY FOCUSED...
THIS OBSESSION THAT SHE'S SOMEHOW AVENGING THE AVENGERS IS DANGEROUS... POSSIBLY EVEN SUICIDAL.
THE WORST PART IS--AS MUCH AS I WANT TO HELP HER, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I CAN DO.
I'M SURE THE WIDOW DID THE BEST SHE COULD DURING THE ONSLAUGHT.
BUT THERE AREN'T A LOT OF CHOICES WHEN YOUR BACK'S UP AGAINST THE WALL.
LIKE WHEN MY FATHER SIGNED WITH THE FIXER.
BATTLIN' JACK MURDOCK SWALLOWED HIS PRIDE AND TURNED A BLIND EYE TO THE FIGHT PROMOTER'S SHADY DEALS...
...IN ORDER TO SEND HIS SON TO COLLEGE.
I GUESS SOMEONE UPSTAIRS DIDN'T THINK THAT WAS TRIAL AND TRIBULATION ENOUGH...
...SO I WAS BLINDED BY A RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPE.
YOU KEEP FIGHTIN', SON. DON'T GIVE UP AN' DON'T GIVE IN.
DON'T LET THE DARKNESS SWALLOW YOU.
EVEN THEN I KNEW HE WASN'T TALKING ABOUT JUST ME.
--MS. SHARPE IS IN CONFERENCE RIGHT NOW, GENTLEMAN SIR, BUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT...

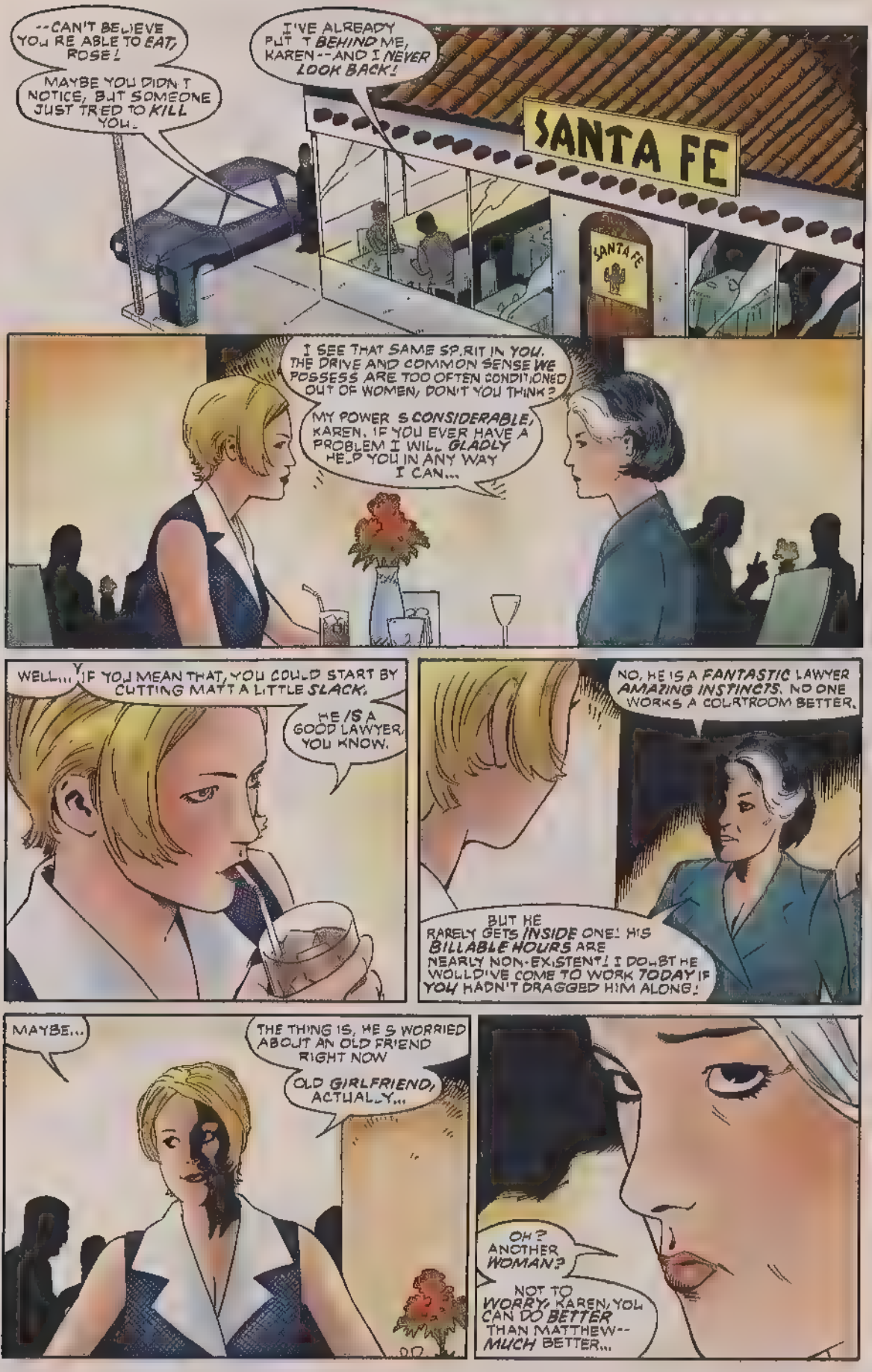
NEVER MIND--I SEE 'ER.
JUST GOT A QUICK MESSAGE...
MY DAD FINALLY WON HIS FIGHT BY WINNING THE ONE FIGHT HE SHOULDN'T HAVE WON.
PEOPLE LIKE THE FIXER NEVER FORGET THAT KIND OF THING...
...AND THEY NEVER FORGIVE IT.
THAT NIGHT, BATTLIN' JACK MURDOCK'S CONTRACT WAS TERMINATED.
YO, ROSE!
BILLY GRIPPO SENDS HIS BEST!
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
FRANKLIN!
I BELIEVE NOW WOULD BE A VERY GOOD TIME FOR YOUR FRIEND, DAREDEVIL, TO VISIT US!
Beep D-deep
BLAM
BLAM
YEAH, I'M, Um... I'M CALLING DD, Um... ON HIS NOT-LINE RIGHT NOW!
WHAT'S TAKING YOU, MATT? C'MON-- YOU'RE BLIND-- NOT DEAF!
EVIL VILLAIN!
NO ONE HARMFULLY HURTS MS. SHARPE WHILE SUNNY SITKA IS HERE!
WAK
BIG MAN.
BIG TARGET.
GRRRRL!
BLAM

GOOD DOG, DEUCE-- BUT LEAVE A LITTLE FOR ME!
PEOPLE START THINKING I CAN'T HOLD MY OWN IN NEW YORK CITY...
NO TELLING WHERE THE SUPER HERO UNION M GHT FARM ME OUT TO!
SHOOT.
ACTUALLY-- THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M HERE TO PREVENT!
NOW, TH S'LL HURT YOU A LOT MORE THAN IT'LL HURT ME...
THAK
BLAM
HEAD SPINNING? HERE-- LET ME HELP YOU UP.
TAKE YOUR GUN?
YEAH, I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU ALL RIGHT.


OOPS! CAREFUL! WATCH OUT--LOW DESK!
WOK
YOU MUST BE DIZZIER THAN YOU THINK!
AT LEAST--YOU ARE NOW!
I BEL EVE THAT ENDS OUR SHOW FOR THIS AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
ANY FURTHER PERFORMANCES W.LL BE ENTIRELY UP TO THE MAN WRITHING ON THE F.OOR.
NNG!!
THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING TO FRANKLIN S CALL SO PROMPTLY, DAREDEVIL.
HIS--?
Oh, WELL, IT'S... ALMOST L KE I ALREADY KNEW WHAT THE PROBLEM WAS! THAT S HOW IT IS WITH FOGGY AND ME!
GOOD THING I WAS... CLOSE BY...
SO, ROSE--WHO'S THIS BILLY GRIPPO?
IT DOESN'T MATTER, SINCE I ASSUME THIS LITTLE VISIT MEANS HE S NOW DEAD...

THE GRIP AIN'T DEAD, LADY-- BUT HE MIGHT BE SOON ENOUGH! HE'S IN ST. JOE'S WITH A BUM TICKER!
HEH! LOOKS LIKE I'M GONNA NEED A LAWYER, HUH? HOW 'BOUT IT, ROSE-- HEAR YOU HELPED OUT A LOT BACK IN--
AS A LAWYER, I'D ADVISE YOU TO STOP TALKING THIS INSTANT, OR...
...ANYTHING YOU SAY CAN AND WILL BE USED AGAINST YOU IN A COURT OF LAW.
IF YOU WERE SMART, THE NEXT TIME YOU SPOKE WOULD BE TO ASK IF MR. GRIPPO'S FORGOTTEN MAY 7th.
HIS WEAPON, DAREDEVIL.
SUNNY-- PLEASE NOTIFY THE AUTHORITIES.
KAREN, WE'D BETTER BE GOING. WE'RE LATE FOR OUR LUNCH RESERVATION... AND EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL HERE.
Y'KNOW, DD-- THERE'S PROBABLY A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE ROSALIND DEAD... BUT... BUT WHEN SOMEONE ACTUALLY TAKES A SHOT AT HER, I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE STORY IS.
EXACTLY WHAT I WAS THINKING, COUNSELOR.


--CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE ABLE TO EAT, ROSE!
MAYBE YOU DIDN'T NOTICE, BUT SOMEONE JUST TRIED TO KILL YOU.
I'VE ALREADY PUT IT BEHIND ME, KAREN--AND I NEVER LOOK BACK!
SANTA FE
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I SEE THAT SAME SPIRIT IN YOU. THE DRIVE AND COMMON SENSE WE POSSESS ARE TOO OFTEN CONDITIONED OUT OF WOMEN, DON'T YOU THINK?
MY POWER IS CONSIDERABLE, KAREN. IF YOU EVER HAVE A PROBLEM I WILL GLADLY HELP YOU IN ANY WAY I CAN...
WELL... IF YOU MEAN THAT, YOU COULD START BY CUTTING MATT A LITTLE SLACK.
HE IS A GOOD LAWYER, YOU KNOW.
NO, HE IS A FANTASTIC LAWYER AMAZING INSTINCTS. NO ONE WORKS A COURTROOM BETTER.
BUT HE RARELY GETS INSIDE ONE! HIS BILLABLE HOURS ARE NEARLY NON-EXISTENT! I DOUBT HE WOULD'VE COME TO WORK TODAY IF YOU HADN'T DRAGGED HIM ALONG!
MAYBE...
THE THING IS, HE'S WORRIED ABOUT AN OLD FRIEND RIGHT NOW
OLD GIRLFRIEND, ACTUALLY...
OH? ANOTHER WOMAN?
NOT TO WORRY, KAREN, YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN MATTHEW--MUCH BETTER...

IT TAKES A PRIVATE RESEARCH ROOM IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, TWENTY-SIX BOUND VOLUMES OF THE BOSTON GLOBE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY AND FOUR FINGER-BLACKENING HOURS OF WORK..
DEAD!
BURNED EVIDENCE, COMMITTED SUICIDE AS FEDS MOVED IN.
...BUT I TH NK I F ND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR.
SENSITIVE FINGERTIPS "READ" THE ARTICLE, FEELING THE INK IMPRESSIONS OF EACH LETTER
I DOUBT THE POLICE SHED MANY TEARS OVER THE MOBSTER'S DEATH... BUT IT STRIKES ME THAT THE SUICIDE RULING WAS MADE A LITTLE TOO QUICKLY.
A LITTLE TOO CONVENIENTLY.
HOW GOES IT, PARTNER? ME--I THINK MY COMPUTER-SEARCH HIT THE JACKPOT!
OH?
THUMP
YEAH! ALWAYS KNEW ROSALIND TOOK ON CONTROVERSIAL CASES AND DEFENDED KNOWN CRIMINALS.
BUT THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF HER SOLO PRACTICE ALMOST ALL HER CASES WERE CONNECTED TO GRIPPO.
THEN IT ENDS--AS QUICK AS IT BEGAN. HOW'D SHE PULL THAT ONE OFF?
WELL, I DOUBT RAZOR WILL TELL US.
SO, MAYBE IT'S TIME FOR DAREDEVIL TO PAY HIS RESPECTS TO MR. GRIPPO.

"...AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL."
klek
NOT SO FAST, LA--
IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME, IDIOT, YOU'LL KNOW THE LAST THING YOU WANT TO DO IS PULL THAT TRIGGER.
I'M HERE TO SEE BILLY!
SAME OL' ROSE! STILL GOT THE SPARK, Hunh?
klik
HYEK! KEK! KEK!
C'MERE-- LEMME SEE YA.
I'M ONLY HERE TO MAKE SURE YOU GOT MY MESSAGE, BILLY
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU SENT YOUR THUG BY MY PLACE TODAY. YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO GO TO JAIL...

Heh-Heh! YOU KNOW HOW IT IS, ROSE--ONE O' THE BOYS GETS A LITTLE WORKED UP... THINKS HE'S HELPIN' ME...
BOY'S ALLOWED ONE MISTAKE, DONITCHA THINK?
WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN, ROSE, YA GOT MY WORD.
THAT'S GOOD, BILLY, BECAUSE IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME, WORSE WILL HAPPEN TO YOU.
AND I'M STILL PRESSING CHARGES AGAINST YOUR GOON. NO ONE SHOOTS AT ME AND WALKS AWAY.
GET WELL, SOON.
CHRG.
Hen! FEEL BETTER ALREADY; THAT ROSE-- SHE'S SOME FIRE-CRACKER, Eh?
HYAK! KYAK! KHEK!
I HEAR EVERYTHING THAT IS SAID
EVERYTHING THAT ISN'T SAID, TOO
I MIGHT BE BLIND, BUT THE PICTURE THAT'S COMING TOGETHER HERE I CAN SEE ALL TOO WELL.

SO WHAT BRINGS A GIRL LIKE YOU TO A NICE PLACE LIKE THIS?
I'M SORRY--THAT'S A LOUSY PICK-UP LINE, ISN'T IT?
OOOOOH!
DON'T WORRY--YOU'RE IN THE HANDS OF A PROFESSIONAL.
NOT A PROFESSIONAL SUPER HERO, UNFORTUNATELY--NO ONE PAYS ME TO DO THIS..
BUT YOU CAN'T REALLY PUT A PRICE ON THIS MUCH FUN, CAN YOU, ROSE?
I'M ACTUALLY QUITE GLAD OUR PATHS CROSSED AGAIN. THIS AFTERNOON WAS IDEAL..
AND I THINK WE SHOULD GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER, CONSIDERING THAT YOU AND FRANKLIN ARE SO CLOSE.
DO YOU MIND IF I CALL YOU ROSE? I KNOW THERE'RE PLENTY OF OTHER NAMES YOU'VE BEEN CALLED...
ROSE IS UM...IS FINE, DAREDEVIL.
FUNNY YOU SHOULD MENTION THAT, ROSE--BECAUSE I'VE LEARNED SOME VERY INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT YOU...
...AND I'M WONDERING JUST HOW MUCH I SHOULD TELL MY GOOD FRIEND, FOGGY.

THAT WOULD DEPEND ENTIRELY ON HOW MUCH YOU KNOW...
...OR SHOULD I SAY--HOW MUCH YOU THINK YOU KNOW.
YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED. I KNOW THERE WEREN'T MANY WOMEN RUNNING THEIR OWN LAW PRACTICES THIRTY YEARS AGO.
"...I IMAGINE IT WAS PRETTY DIFFICULT AT FIRST.
"FIERCELY INDEPENDENT, UNWILLING TO TAKE ANY HELP FROM YOUR EX-HUSBAND...
"YOU MUST'VE BEEN OVERJOYED WHEN BILLY GRIPPO WALKED INTO YOUR OFFICE.
"YOU HAD THE TALENT--BUT GRIPPO HAD THE CASES THAT MADE YOUR REP. IT WAS PROBABLY THE BEST TIME OF YOUR LIFE.
"BUT GRIPPO'S WORLD IS HARD AND ONLY MAKES YOU HARDER, AND WHEN YOU FINALLY KNEW YOU COULD MAKE IT ON YOUR OWN AND WANTED OUT...
"YOU ALSO KNEW ALMOST NO ONE LEAVES THAT WORLD... ALIVE.
"SO ONE OF GRIPPO'S LIEUTENANTS DIES.
"BUT I DON'T THINK IT WAS SUICIDE AND I DON'T THINK ANY EVIDENCE WAS DESTROYED.
"I THINK THOSE INCRIMINATING FILES WERE YOUR TICKET OUT, ROSE
"GRIPPO KNOWS IF HE COMES AFTER YOU, ALL THAT INFORMATION ENDS UP IN THE HANDS OF THE AUTHORITIES."

INTERESTING .. THEORY.
AND ONE THAT BILLY BELIEVES, I'M SURE
BUT I'M CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO CONFESS TO MURDER AND THERE'S NO PROOF I HAVE THOSE FILES.
YEAH, RIGHT, ROSE-- IF YOU WEREN'T INVOLVED, THEN ALL THESE YEARS YOU'VE HELD GRIPPO OFF BY...
...BLUFFING?
NO! NO SHE COULDN'T! SHE...
SHE COULD.
BELIEVE WHAT YOU WILL, DAREDEVIL-- BUT I SEE NO REASON FOR THESE SPECULATIONS TO GO BEYOND THE TWO OF US.
IT WOULD DO NO GOOD TO INFORM FRANKLIN THAT I MIGHT BE A MURDERER...
...AND IF BILLY THOUGHT I WASN'T I'D BE DEAD IN A DAY.
ROOF
THERE'S AN OLD EXPRESSION, DAREDEVIL-- "DON'T LOOK BACK...
"... SOMEONE MIGHT BE GAINING!"
I'M NOT BLIND TO THE DANGERS-- BUT I REFUSE TO LIVE MY LIFE IN FEAR.
I THOUGHT, OF ALL PEOPLE-- YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT.

OF COURSE, I DO UNDERSTAND ROSALIND--BETTER THAN SHE THINKS.
BUT THERE'S STILL ONE THING I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
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...AND ONLY BILLY GRIPPO CAN EXPLAIN IT.
BET YOU'RE SORRY YOU MADE BAIL TODAY, Hunh, PUNK?
WOK
AND WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE-- MOE, LARRY AND CURLY?
GUESS THAT MAKES MY PAL IN THE TRENCHCOAT SHEMP! NEVER DID LIKE SHEMP!
BOYS, BOYS-- YER MAKIN' OUR GUEST NERVOUS! YOU THINK HE'D COME IN THE FRONT DOOR IF HE WAS GONNA CAUSE TROUBLE?
I BEEN EXPECTIN' HIM!
'MAKE YERSELVES SCARCE, BOYS.
ME-- I'M TOO OLD AN' DONE TOO MUCH TA BE SCARED O' THE DEVIL NOW!
OUT!

THANK YOU, MR. GRIPPO.
I JUST HAD AN INTERESTING TALK WITH RAZOR SHARPE... ABOUT A DEATH THAT HAPPENED SOME TWENTY-SIX YEARS AGO.
A DEATH THAT WAS EITHER RAZOR'S DOING... OR TO HER OWN ENDS.
Heh! AIN'T THAT THE GREAT THING ABOUT ROSE? SHE COULD GO EITHER WAY!
BUT A GUY'S GOTTA BET WITH THE ODDS-- KNOW WHAT I MEAN?
I THINK YOU ONLY BET WHEN THE FIX IS IN, MR. GRIPPO.
"I THINK IT'S VERY POSSIBLE YOU KILLED YOUR OWN LIEUTENANT...
"... AND THEN EITHER HELPED RAZOR OR LET RAZOR TAKE CREDIT FOR IT."
Heh! NOW WHY WOULD I DO THAT, DEVIL?
SAME REASON YOU HIRED A GREEN ATTORNEY ALL THOSE YEARS AGO...
SAME REASON YOU SENT YOUR MEN AWAY WHEN I CAME, BUT NOT WHEN RAZOR WAS HERE.
YOU THINK YOU KNOW?
YOU'LL NEVER KNOW, DEVIL.

ROSE...ROSE IS LIKE A FLAME, SEE? YA HOLD IT IN YER HAND... IT GOES OUT OR YA GET BURNED.
IF SHE'D EVER GIVEN IN TO THE LIFE I WOULDN'T FEEL THIS WAY ABOUT HER--BUT ROSE NEVER LOST THE FIRE... NEVER STOPPED FIGHTIN'.
YOU EVER KNOW SOMEONE LIKE THAT?
ONCE, A GREAT FIGHTER.
HE DIDN'T MAKE IT OUT.
JUST SHOWS HOW SPECIAL ROSE IS. ONE IN A MILLION.
DON'T MATTER WHO PULLED THAT TRIGGER. WHAT MATTERS IS SHE WANTED OUT AN' I LET HER GO!
BUT ROSE IS SO STUBBORN, YA GOTTA DO THAT SORTA THING ON THE Q.T.
ANY TIME YA HELP OR PROTECT HER, YA GOTTA DO IT WITHOUT HER EVEN SUSPECTIN'--KNOW WHAT I'M SAYIN'?
I THINK SO...
I COULDA BEEN TREATED IN BOSTON, YA KNOW--BUT I KNEW ROSE'D STORM IN HERE IF I GAVE HER A LITTLE SCARE.
JUST HAD TA SEE HER AGAIN.
JUST HAD TA MAKE SURE ONCE I WAS GONE...
...SHE WAS IN GOOD HANDS.
END.

DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

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To Devil's Advocate,

I'm a very big fan of DD. I've collected his book since I started reading comics many years ago. About six months ago I stopped collecting DAREDEVIL, but then I saw the creative team of Kesel, Nord and Ryan, so I picked up a copy. Now I am a DD collector once again.

Karl Kesel is my favorite writer and Cary Nord has a unique style that worked perfectly for DD. I just finished reading #359 and I must say that it was great! It had action and great humor. Just what I look for in a comic book. And now that DD is going to have a lot more villains to deal with who are much more powerful than him, this book should become very interesting. I love to read DAREDEVIL when he's battling powerful villains that could easily destroy him but still fail to do so.

This is now my number one book every month.

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Number one?! Every month?! Not too shabby for a guy that runs around New York City in a pair of red longjohns!

To the Devil's Advocate,

I must admit that I was never really a Daredevil fan, but I was always a huge fan of Spider-Man. And that sounds stupid because Daredevil and Spider-Man are very much alike. They both share the same values, morals and ethics.

So with all the recent hype over Karl Kesel and Cary Nord's work on DAREDEVIL, I decided to give it a try for once. And . . .

I loved it!!!

So I recently went to some comic shops to buy some old classic DD stories like "Fall from Grace" and Frank Miller's run on DAREDEVIL.

I totally agreed with Mr. Kesel when he said that Karen Page's new job as a radio talk show host is the perfect job for her. I feel her new job can add some interesting stories because we can hear what people feel about Daredevil, Spider-Man, and any other hero people might talk about.

I would like to finish off by saying I'll be hooked on to DAREDEVIL from now on!!! Thanks for your time!! I'll write some more later!!!!

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We're glad you're hooked now, Shazad, because we gotta tell ya — the best is yet to come!

Dear Devil's Advocate,

I just want to say that I love DAREDEVIL! I've collected a lot of comics over the years, and DAREDEVIL is definitely the best! With Karl Kesel's brilliant storytelling and Cary Nord's dynamic pencils, this book is the best that Marvel has to offer. (My only complaint is having to wait a month between issues.)

Now I have a few questions and comments:

1. Daredevil recently made an appearance on the Spider-Man Animated Series and kicked some major butt. When will Daredevil get his own animated series?

2. When will Daredevil get his own movie?

3. I am currently reading DAREDEVIL: PREDATOR'S SMILE. Will there be any more books starring the Scarlet Swashbuckler?

4. Is there any chance of having two Daredevil titles a month?

5. Oh, and the call letters to the radio station Karen works at are WFSK. That sounds a lot like W. Fisk. Could that be Wilson Fisk, a.k.a. the Kingpin?

Everyone on DAREDEVIL is doing a great job. Until the Kingpin joins Weight Watchers, make mine Marvel!

Matthew Bartsch
(Address withheld by request)

Thanks for writing, Matthew. Here are some answers to your questions:

1. There are no immediate plans for a Daredevil Animated Series, but hey! you never know. The Incredible Hulk recently received a weekly cartoon of his own (which is totally cool, by the way) so write us and let us know if you'd like to see DD star in a series of his own!

2. Definitely before Brother Voodoo does.

3. No current plans are in the works.

4. Hey, the Man Without Fear is busy enough in this book!!

5. You're not the only one who has discovered the odd choice of call letters over at Karen's station. Keep your bananas peeled for clues in the next issues about the WFSK mystery!

Dear Devil's Advocate:

Just a short note to thank Mr. Kesel for "the little wise guys" reference. I enjoyed it. Now to find a way to crossover the Marvel Daredevil with the old Gleason Daredevil . . .

I have been reading DAREDEVIL since 1977 and I must say that I am finding the stories more interesting of late than I have in a very long time. Kesel and Nord (and Hama, too) have found a very satisfying mix of action and humor! I look forward to each issue. It seems as if the creative crew is really beginning to pick up some steam. Now DON'T TAKE THEM OFF OF THE BOOK in order that Daredevil be "reborn"!

Don't fool around with something that is working (unlike poor Captain America).

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Thanks for the kind words, Brian.

Dear Gang,

DAREDEVIL #359 was an exercise in how to portray the Man Without Fear for future teams to come. It was funny, touching, nostalgic . . . and what an ending! Coming from a Marvel veteran like me, that's saying something!

Karl Kesel has bridged a much needed gap in DD's character—this is the DD/Murdock I remember! As for Hama & Nord—man, these guys were born to draw DD. The silhouettes, the darkness, the conflict and emotions burning through . . . I love it! DD hasn't been this good since Stan Lee and Gene Colan did it! Trust me, THIS is a hero reborn! Can I be bold enough to make some suggestions?

1. Keep the characters as true to themselves as long as you can. I'm just getting to re-know these guys.

2. DD needs a new nemesis, someone to challenge his intellect as well as his body.

3. Give DD his own animated series now!

4. Action figures! Action figures! Action figures!

5. Where's the cleft in DD's chin? Sometimes it's there and sometimes it isn't . . . I hereby begin a "bring back DD's cleft" movement and we demand it back. Now! Permanently!

Keep up the good work!

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1. No problem, we will.

2. We agree. Keep your eyes peeled.

3. Another one, huh? All right, we're listening!

4. Animated series . . . action figures . . . how about a theme park!

5. The first meeting of the "Bring Back DD's Cleft" Fan Club will meet back here in thirty days. Be there or be Kubik.

NEXT MONTH:

Gene Colan!! Really!! Cary Nord and Matt Ryan take a New Year's break as Karl Kesel and, legendary DD penciler, *Gene The Dean* Colan get a case of "insomnia!"